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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Special Assistant to the Director for
Interdepartmental Affairs

SUBJECT : Public Release of Evidence Regarding El Salvador

1. The DDCI just returned and briefed [redacted] and me on what is being planned for the release of information on El Salvador this week. State is on board and is working the problem jointly with us. 25X1

2. The following is the tentative schedule:

-- Tuesday. On Tuesday afternoon at the State Department, [redacted] and the DDCI will appear before the press and present the briefing on Nicaragua. 25X1

-- Wednesday. On Wednesday morning at the Department of State, a "board of elders" will convene at the invitation of State. This board will include McCone, Laird, Linowitz, Ball, and Cutler. They will be briefed on the evidence we have accumulated--essentially the briefing given to the HPSCI and the SSCI in the last two weeks. These gentlemen will then meet, discuss this among themselves, and then give a press conference covering the existence of undeniable evidence and the sensitivity of the information.

-- Wednesday and Thursday. The DDCI will appear before the Senate and House Armed Services and Foreign Affairs Committees to give them a presentation based on [redacted] briefing. He will not get into covert action. All Members of the Committees will be invited, but only the Majority and Minority staff members will be permitted to attend. All in attendance will be bound by the appropriate resolutions obliging them not to disclose any of the information presented. 25X1

-- Thursday. We will proceed with our presentations before the HAC Defense Subcommittee in the morning and the SSCI in the afternoon as we discussed this morning. Also on Thursday, [redacted] will make their appearances before the oversight committees. (FYI, [redacted]) 25X1

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-- Friday. There will be a press conference at the State Department on Friday where [redacted] will appear and give their stories publicly. At a meeting this afternoon [redacted] and the DDCI, we all agreed that it would be best for a State Department officer to MC that public session, rather than someone from our Agency.

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2. The subject of public release is on the agenda for tomorrow morning's breakfast. Although the DDCI had extensive discussions today with Ambassador Eagleburger, you may wish to go over some of this with Secretary Haig as well.

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